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SUBJ: SADDAM HUSSEIN VISIT TO JAPAN

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1. SADDAM HUSSEIN IS THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE SIX MAN REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL WHICH POSSESSES SUPREME EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY IN IRAQ. HUSSEIN SHARES POWER WITH AHMAD HASAN AL-BAKR WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE RCC AND CHIEF OF STATE. THE TWO MEN ARE RELATED BY MARRIAGE AND APPEAR TO BE WORKING IN TANDEM. HUSSEIN IS THE OBVIOUS HEIR APPARENT WHEN BAKR, WHO IS MORE THAN 20 YEARS OLDER THAN HUSSEIN, PASSES FROM THE SCENE.

2. BAKR IS A CAREER MILITARY OFFICER WHILE HUSSEIN ROSE THROUGH THE CIVILIAN RANKS OF THE BAATH PARTY. TOGETHER THEY EFFECTIVELY CONTROL IRAQ THROUGH THE INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE BAATH PARTY WHICH IS ORGANIZED ALONG THE LINES OF AN EAST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY.

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